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Steven W. Tompkins, Sheriff  
Suffolk County Sheriff's Department  
20 Bradston Street  
Boston, MA 02118

Re: Plan of Correction – Suffolk County House of Correction, Boston

Dear Sheriff Tompkins:

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (Department) has received your Plan of Correction in response to my inspection on March 26, 27, and 28, 2018. After review, the Department finds the plan appropriately addresses all of the violations noted with the following exception:

1. In regards to the issue of overcrowding, the Department appreciates the limitations of correctional facilities and the need to accommodate the ever-increasing population; however we remain concerned with the overcrowded conditions.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter, should you have any questions please contact me at the address listed above.

Sincerely,

Patrick Wallace  
Environmental Health Inspector, CSP, BEH

cc: Jana Ferguson, Director, BEH  
Steven Hughes, Director, CSP, BEH  
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